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polarizer directly. Circular polarized light can be converted to linearly polarized light by using a quarter wavelength plate for a retardation plate.

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct grammatical errors. No amendments have been made for reasons relating to patentability. No new matter has been introduced by way of this amendment. Full examination and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A: MARKED UP PARAGRAPHS

Matter that has been removed from the claim is indicated in brackets and bold text, while matter inserted into the claim is underlined.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 2, as follows:

There is no specific limitation on the brightness-enhanced film. **[but any film can be used as long as it reflects either clockwise or counterclockwise circular polarized light while transmitting other light.]** For example, it can be a multilayer thin film of a dielectric or a multilayer lamination of thin films with varied refraction aeolotropy; **[Preferable examples include]** cholesteric liquid crystal layers, more specifically, an oriented film of a cholesteric liquid crystal polymer or an oriented liquid crystal layer fixed onto a supportive substrate. Therefore, for a brightness-enhanced film to transmit linearly polarized light having a predetermined polarization axis, the transmission light enters the polarizing plate by matching the polarization axis so that absorption loss due to the polarizing plate is controlled and the light can be transmitted efficiently. For a brightness-enhanced film to transmit circular polarized light, i.e., a cholesteric liquid crystal layer, preferably, the transmission circular polarized light is converted to linearly polarized light before entering the polarizing plate in an aspect of controlling of the absorption loss, though the circular polarized light can enter the polarizer directly. Circular polarized light can be converted to linearly polarized light by using a quarter wavelength plate for a retardation plate.